

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, and 13 have been amended.

ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

The Examiner indicated that claims 7-8 and 10 have been allowed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102, ANTICIPATION BY SAKAI

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-5, 9 and 11-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sakai. Claims 3 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakai in view of Shimizu.

Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, and 13 to include all of the subject matter from allowed claim 7. Therefore, all of the independent claims are in condition for allowance.

As the dependent claims depend from respective independent claims, the dependent claims are patentable over the references for at least the reasons presented above for the independent claims and are therefore in condition for allowance.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

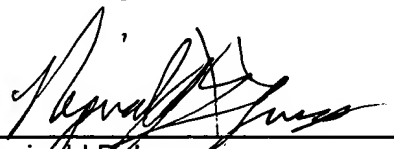
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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